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## **RESOLUTION NO. 1**

### **THE NEED FOR TRAINED MANPOWER IN THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

Whereas, the present public recognition of the importance of science and the scientific training of our youth — which can contribute so much to the maintenance, advancement and protection of a free world — cannot be too heartily applauded; and

Whereas, it is absolutely essential that the biological sciences must move forward with our physical sciences if our scientific teams now in the making are to give us maximum effectiveness in the future in terms of national defense, the exploration of space, and in the maintenance of our natural resources which are the foundation of all strength and progress; and

Whereas, our young people are directly or indirectly being encouraged to concentrate solely in the physical sciences as a result of recent spectacular developments in space exploration.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that this conference urges upon our government, our educators and our people, the importance of giving appropriate emphasis to training and education in the biological sciences, as well as in the physical sciences, to the end that man's knowledge may be extended in all scientific fields and to the end that man's progress, in a free world, can continue to be made on all fronts.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2**

### **RETENTION OF HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS ON STATE AND FEDERAL LANDS PROPOSED FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE**

Whereas, parcels of federally-owned and state-owned lands are being sold or exchanged to private interests in increasing numbers; and

Whereas, it has been established by federal law for many years and by most state laws that mining, mineral, oil and gas rights on any federal or state land sold or exchanged shall remain in the name of the federal government or the state.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby request the legislative committee of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners to prepare a bill for introduction during the 86th congress which will provide for the retention, in the name of the public, of hunting and fishing rights on any federal land sold or exchanged; and

Be it further resolved, that following the action of the legislative committee of the International Association, the individual states prepare legislation for introduction into their state legislatures.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 3**

### **EXPANSION OF TOXICANT TESTING PROGRAM**

Whereas, this Association recognizes that one of the most serious problems in the management of the sport fishery is the control of various undesirable fish populations; and

Whereas, the use of selective toxicants in eliminating specific species appears to have unlimited possibilities; and

Whereas, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has already initiated a program of testing and screening the toxicity of chemical compounds in connection with the Great Lakes sea lamprey control program.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners at its annual meeting held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 11 and 12, 1958, in the interest of the sport fishery, nationwide, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service expand the program of testing selective toxicants to find additional chemicals that can be used to eliminate various species of undesirable fishes.

Be it further resolved, that we urge prompt enactment of necessary legislation by the congress including appropriation of funds necessary to carry out this expanded program.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 4**

### **NATIONAL SURVEYS OF FISHING AND HUNTING**

Whereas, the 1955 national survey of fishing and hunting has proved to be of immense value to the government conservation agencies in planning action programs;